

The PawPrint

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 2003 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Calendar Notes

Dec. 11

Christmas Concert-7:30PM
 HS Auditoria

Dec. 18

Elementary Christmas Program
 7:00 PM
 St.MikesGym

Dec. 22-Jan 2

Christmas Break
 No School

Jan. 3, 2007

School Resumes

Jan. 15

Martin L.King
 No School

Feb. 7

Staff Development Meeting
 2-hour Delay
 School begins at 10:00 AM

Feb. 19

President's Day
 No School

March 23

Quarter Break
 No School

Notes from the Superintendent

As we enter the holiday season, there are a lot of things happening within the district. We will once again have a location on the square for Christmas in Kalida on December 8. Student artwork will be featured as well as chocolate chip cookies baked by the elementary cafeteria gals. We will be showing a holiday movie once again at 8:15 PM in the auditoria and the music boosters will be providing popcorn to all of those in attendance.

The school district purchased a 2002 Dodge 4WD truck last month with the intent of mounting a snow plow on the front. We will be plowing our own snow once the truck is fully equipped. The truck will also be used to pull the new band trailer that was purchased this fall by the band boosters. The district sold a 1985 Ford Bus that has been used as a spare for the past several years. This has opened a bay in the bus garage so that the truck and band trailer could be parked inside when not in use.

Three retirees were recognized at the Parent Teacher Conference dinner for staff on November 21. Mary Lou Mershman, Frank Schroeder, and Dick Schulte, were all awarded plaques for their years of service to the district and congratulated by their colleagues.

The Kalida Local School District is very fortunate to have three very active fund raising organizations that support the district in different ways. Many of you may have noticed the new sign and logo mounted near the soccer field entrance recognizing these fund raising organizations. The insert in this month's newsletter focuses on the **Enhancement Committee**. Future editions of *The Paw Print* will detail the efforts of the **Music Boosters** and the **Athletic Boosters**. On behalf of the school board and the members of these three groups, a big "Thank You!" goes out to the entire Kalida Community.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent



Christmas in Kalida

Friday, December 8 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM



Come and see the High School students' artwork of pop-up creations. Check out the elementary students coloring contest. Listen to the school choir perform. National Honor Society will be doing face painting. The FFA group will be helping with the horse carriage rides. Enjoy the live Nativity performed by local students and adults. Join in the Christmas Spirit with your fellow men. At 8:15 PM, *The Miracle on 34th Street* (1994 edition) will be shown in the High School auditoria. More agenda details are available at local businesses.

Freshmen & Sophomores To Do Career/College Exploration

In January, Mrs. Mary Gerding and I will be doing a college/career research unit over the course of five to seven days with all sophomores during their English classes. The purpose of this unit is to continue the development of our students in the selection of a potential career with the matching of post-high school educational options that will enable them to prepare for the occupations. As part of preparation for the classroom activities, all sophomores will take the ASVAB – Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery – on December 12 at the high school. The ASVAB is an excellent assessment which helps to isolate a student's strengths for possible careers. The ASVAB is the entrance test used by all U.S. military branches. Sophomore scores, however, are invalid and cannot be used by law for any recruitment purposes. Therefore, if a student does become interested in the military as a junior or senior, he or she would have to take the ASVAB again in order to enlist. In January, ASVAB results will be interpreted for students as part of the five to seven days of activities. Then, students will research colleges and personally select two of interest that match their careers of choice. The week will culminate with career presentations in various areas by adults currently working in their respective fields.

During January, freshmen will also be doing career research with Mrs. Janice Gasser and me in their English Classes for a period of 5 to 6 days. During this time, students will examine their own personalities and the relationship of these traits with potential careers. As part of the activities, students will take personality and career assessments to isolate an occupation upon which they will do research using ECOS – a college and career computer program. The week will culminate with the freshmen joining the sophomores for the adult presentations.

"Choosing a College" Seminar

Scheduled for Interested Parents

Are you wondering how to help your son or daughter choose a college? A seminar for sophomore and junior parents has been scheduled for Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) from 6 – 7 PM in the old high school library for parents of sophomores and juniors who might want assistance in answering this question. The "How to Help Your Son or Daughter Choose a College" program is sponsored by Bowling Green State University. If you are interested, please ask your student to sign-up on a sheet that will be posted outside the guidance office.

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents and Students – Other Important Info

The FAFSA or Free Application For Student Assistance is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds that the respective schools distribute. Paper applications will be available in December, but *applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate*. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at www.pin.ed.gov

There will be a financial aid seminar on Monday, January 15 from 7 – 9 PM in the new high school auditoria. Parents and students from Ft. Jennings, Ottoville, and Continental will also be attending as it is Kalida's year to host the event which rotates among the four schools. A representative from a local college's financial aid department will be present to explain various types of financial aid that students may have the potential to obtain. In addition, he will explain the proper procedure for filling out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents of juniors are encouraged to attend if they wish to get a headstart of the college process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the guidance office or email me at ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us.

Voice of Democracy

Senior Sarah Wurth has been chosen at the KHS *Voice of Democracy* essay contest winner. This scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12 that annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. The first-place winner, who competes with all the first-place VFW Department winners, receives



a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. This year's essay topic was "*Freedom's Challenge*." Sarah will now compete with other county winners at the Ottawa VFW Post for a chance to advance into state competition. Good Luck, Sarah!



Early Christmas Dinner - The Vantage Culinary Arts class has just announced they will host a Christmas Dinner Buffet on Wednesday, December 20 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. A delicious assortment of meats, vegetables, salads, breads and desserts will be served for just \$7.95. Reservations are a must for this special event. Gather your family and friends and come to the *Cup and Saucer Restaurant* at Vantage for a Christmas feast. Please call 1-800-686-3944 ext. 130 to make your reservation.

Project Cartridge Recycle

Kalida Local Schools is partnering with *Recharge Enterprise* in Delphos, to help make the earth a better place by recycling old printer and toner cartridges. There will be a flyer sent home with your child about the program, and boxes will be available for drop-off in both buildings. Kalida Local Schools will use the money received for recycling to help replace and acquire new technology for the school district.

Honor Roll First Quarter 2006-07

7th Grade

Neil Gerding
Brian Good
Eric Hill
Nicole Kaufman
Nathan Kortokrax
Austin Roebke
Connor Schmenk
Cody Schnipke
Ben Schroeder
Jared Zeller

8th Grade

Allison Fitzgerald
Jeff Good
Kelsey Miller
Kristopher Osterhage
Alex Schroeder
Alyssa Verhoff
Jillian Wehri

Freshmen

Julia Fuerst
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

All A's

Sophomores

Kasie Bellmann
Jenna Kahle
Louisa Millott
Erica Schmenk
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Juniors

Alyssa Frey
Trent Smith

Seniors

Angela Hanneman
Chris Kahle
Kari Schroeder
Katie Unverferth
Abby Wilson

AB Honor Roll

7th Grade

Shaunna Basinger
Levi Blake
Erika Brinkman
Eric Ellerbrock
Jordan Ellerbrock
Jared Fortman
Matt Gerding
Amanda Giesige
Nick Guisinger
Tyler Heitmeyer
Miranda Hermiller
Devon Hundley
Deanna Kahle
Eric Kahle
Ben Kaufman
Taylor Kehres
Tyler Kortokrax
Jordan Laudick
Haley McIntyre
Brandi Merschman

Grant Neal
Aaron Siebeneck
Marissa Smith
Drew Stechschulte
Lana Tschuur
Lora Tschuur
Paul Utendorf
Ben Von Der Embse
Alexis Wurth
Halie Zenz

8th Grade

Ben Bockrath
Alexandrea Cattell
Christy Ellerbrock
Tyler Ellerbrock
Megan Erhart
Bryan Fortman
Chad Goergens
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Chelsea Kahle
Derek Korte
Evan Krouse
Austin Neidert
Justin Neidert
Brianna Recker
Robert Sarka
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Miranda Schulte
Zachary Selhorst
Rachael Stechschulte
Emily Turnwald
Andrew Warnecke

Freshmen

Michael Bockrath
Stacie Heitmeyer
Kyle Hoffman
Kara Kaufman
Kelly Kehres
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Devin Warnecke

Sophomores

Brittany Bockrath
Dana Bruskotter
Brandon Closson
Lauren Erhart
Leah Gerding
Megan Jorrey
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Scott Schnipke
Matt Schulte
Amy Vonderembse

Juniors

Austin Basinger
Adam Berheide
*Emily Erhart
*Sean Fischnich
Liz Foppe
*Aaron Geckle
*Ross Hamilton
Ashley Heitmeyer
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Sara Mack
Megan Miller
Stacy Reindel
Dean Schnipke
Abigail Schroeder
Brittany Schroeder
Adam Unverferth
Mollie Utendorf
*Brandon Vorst
Chelsea Warnecke
Nicole Warnecke

Seniors

Kevin Erhart
Megan Hamburg
Brent Heitmeyer
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Rachel Knueve
Brandon Kortokrax
*Andy Miller
*Joy Miller
Karrie Miller
Dana Phillips
*Michael Recker
*Alison Schnipke
Kelly Schnipke
Brooke Schroeder
Shawn Smith
*Andrea Van Oss
Alan Verhoff
Ashlee Warnecke
*Ross Warnecke
Sarah Wurth

* Denotes Vantage Students

Eagle Scout Project

KHS junior Andy Wehri is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project for the Boy Scouts. He has chosen to collect funding and then have a veterans' memorial placed out at the St. Michael's Cemetery. "Our flag means freedom to us," said Andy, "This means freedom of religion and speech to name a few. Many veterans are buried in this cemetery and were members of our country's armed services who fought to uphold this freedom. This is why I decided a memorial was needed to honor them."



Andy has designed a memorial that depicts each branch of the military service. The memorial will consist of a marble monument with an inscription for the veterans. A large eagle's head overlooks a scenic engraving on the monument. A large flag pole will be placed behind the memorial. Pavers will surround the monument and families will have the option to have them inscribed with the name of the deceased. There will also be four marble benches around the monument for optional seated reflection and prayer.

Anyone wishing to donate to this project may contact Andy at 419-532-3791. The project will cost a minimum of \$18,000. A bank account has been created especially for this purpose at the Kalida Sky Bank under the name of Andy Wehri Eagle Scout Project.



Go Bucks! GoBlue!- During the OSU/Michigan pre-game Friday the junior high and high school students wore the scarlet and gray or maize and blue colors supporting their college football team. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed fans. Winners included University of Michigan fans-Derek Birkemeier and Haley McIntyre, and the OSU fans-Chris Kahle (Mr. Tressel), Derek Siefker (colored wig) Michael Bockrath, and Brianna Recker.

Choir and Band Notes

Students in band and choir each year may audition to become part of the Putnam County Honors Choir and Band and District III Honors Choir and Band. Several students from Kalida have achieved this honor this year.

Lauren Erhart (choir), Brandon Stechschulte (band) and Austin Basinger (band) have been named to the **District III Honors Band and Choir Festival Concert** to be held on January 14 at 3:00 PM at the Lima Civic Center.

Ashlee Warnecke, Josh Verhoff, Austin Basinger, Stephanie Verhoff, Kelly Kehres, Michael Turnwald, Brandon Closson and Austin Barnhart have been selected to participate in the **Putnam County Honors Band**.

For the **Putnam County Honors Choir** the following students have been selected Lauren Erhart, Kayla Kromer, and Angela Hanneman. The Putnam County Honors Band and Choir Concert will be held on Feb. 18 at 2:00 PM at Ottoville High School. Congratulations to all these fine musicians and vocalists!

Holiday Games for Giving

The students at Kalida Elementary are getting into the spirit of giving and sharing. The Putnam County Thrift Store is in need of canned-food items during this time of year. To help them out the 7th annual **Holiday Games for Giving** will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 19. All students are asked to bring at least one canned food item to Physical Education class that Tuesday. During the classes, fun holiday games will be played in exchange for the canned food items. A community collection box will be in St. Michael's gym lobby during the Elementary Christmas Concert on Dec. 18. and during school hours on Dec. 19. Anyone in the community may bring donations!

Superintendent:

Mark Neal
419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

School Board

Members:

Brian Laudick
Rhonda Osterhage
Pres. Gary Stechschulte
Dennis Turnwald
VP. Barry von der Embse

Music Boosters

November

\$50 Winners

Phil/Sue Fuerst

Denny/Bernice Heitmeyer

Norm VonderEmbse

Ken/Gale Bellmann



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*Kalida Schools is fortunate to have three very active fund raising organizations to support the Kalida School system. A new logo sign has been placed on the concession stand near the soccer field and recognizes these fund raising groups. These organizations have provided our school with many items that would not have been possible without their assistance. The following article on the **Enhancement Committee** begins a series of articles detailing the work of these three organizations for the Kalida School System. In future additions of the Paw Print we will detail the workings of the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters. We thank the volunteers and supporters of these organizations for their dedication to Kalida Schools. We especially thank everyone who supports these fund raising efforts.*



The Kalida Schools Enhancement Committee

was formed in April of 2004 with the initial goal of assisting the Kalida Schools in funding “enhancements” for the new high school building project. To date, over \$550,000 has been raised and committed to Kalida Schools through this committee. A list of many of the items funded to date is included on the reverse side.

With Phase I of the building project complete, the Enhancement Committee continues to stay active, looking at other areas where they could be of assistance. Now that Phase II of the building project is in the near future, we are in the very initial stages of compiling a list of possible enhancements we hope to be able to assist with in this part of the building project. If you have any input or ideas on possible enhancement in Phase II construction, let us know.

The Enhancement Committee has no fund raisers. Funds are donated from businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in helping Kalida Schools. It is only through the generosity of these people that the Enhancement Committee is able to fund these projects. We are indeed fortunate to live in a community with individuals and businesses so willing to financially support our local schools. A list of businesses and organizations who have committed \$1000 or more is listed on the reverse side of this page. Please support these businesses and organizations as they have been and continue to be very generous to Kalida Schools.

Each year, one special way we try to help students and teachers in the classrooms is asking all teachers in the Kalida School system what enhancements they could use in their classrooms. The additional amount collected each year from premium seating in the gymnasium and auditoria is allocated to be used for teacher requested classroom enhancements. Approximately \$3500-\$4000 is raised through this every year. Last year, a few of the items funded were: a digital camera, a rock and mineral set, and a Smartboard. This year’s requests from the teachers were received Nov. 15 and are presently being reviewed for funding by the principals of each building.

It is our hope we can continue to do this each and every year as long as the need is there.

The Enhancement Committee has also become involved in the promotion of Kalida Schools. We have placed National Blue Ribbon School signs located on each highway as you enter Kalida. These were purchased with Enhancement Committee funds. We have also committed to doing the graphics and painting on the outside of the new band trailer that was purchased by the Music Boosters this past fall. This will be a rolling billboard for our Wildcat Marching Band and Kalida Schools. You will be seeing additional signage appear in other places promoting Kalida Schools in the coming months. In this day and age, with declining enrollment being experienced in almost all schools, we feel it is important to promote Kalida Schools at every possible opportunity. Anything we can do to promote Kalida Schools and help keep enrollment up should benefit the Kalida Schools and the Kalida Community in general.

It is the intent of the Enhancement Committee to stay active and help fund “enhancements” for the Kalida Schools well beyond the completion of the Kalida Schools building projects. Together, with the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters, we hope to assist the Kalida Schools in funding “enhancements” for many years to come.

If your business, organization, or you as an individual, wish to donate to the Enhancement Fund, just give one of the committee members a call. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

Kalida Schools Enhancement Committee

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| Bill Rieman | Greg Knueve | Dave Unverferth |
| Carl Kahle | Steve Krouse | Mark Neal |
| Cindy Webken | Bob Unverferth | Rhonda Osterhage |
| Don Horstman | Barry von der Embse | |

The Kalida Local Schools
thank the following businesses and individuals
for their generous contributions to
help enhance our new facilities.

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The Union Bank Company
Kalida Manufacturing Incorporated

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Northwest Physical Therapy
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Kalida Party Mart/Shell
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Kalida Area Chamber of Commerce
Ultimate Systems

Memorial Brick Donations-

245 bricks sold for a total of \$36,750

Items Funded by
Enhancement Fund Donations

Auditeria Sound System
Auditeria Lighting
Auditeria Curtains
Trophy Display Cases in Auditeria
2 Smartboards
2 Sympodiums
27 Business Classroom Computers
Floor & Wall Graphics in Gymnasium
Locker Benches, Locker Room Flooring
Scoreboards
Scorer's Table
Science Lab Equipment
Operable Partition Wall on Stage
Additional Bleachers

Volleyball Equipment Upgrades
Auditeria & Stage Risers
Chairs for Risers
Athletic Banners
Projector in Auditeria
Assistance with Purchase of Property
Individual Teacher Enhancement Requests
Choir Robes with Music Boosters
Stage Speakers
Lobby Trophy Case
Weight Room Flooring
Additional Library Furniture
Team Chairs